

## DID IT FOR A JOKE.

Prisoner's Sham Suicide Ends In His Death.

## ANOTHER TRIES TO DIE, BUT FAILS.

The Latter Hanged Himself Because He Was Ill and Tired of Living, the Former to Play a Trick on the Keepers.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 28.—Two prisoners, Frank Barba, an Italian, and Harry McCullum, colored, attempted suicide at about the same time in the penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J. McCullum, who attempted suicide as a joke, is dead. Barba will recover.

Barba, who has been ill and despondent for some time past, fastened a strap to the bars of his cell and hanged himself, but he was discovered by a keeper before life was extinct and resuscitated. Barba admitted that he had tried to kill himself because he was ill and tired of living.

When the excitement caused by Barba's attempt to kill himself had subsided somewhat, McCullum announced to his prison mates that he would play a joke on the keepers. A few moments later the convict in the cell adjoining McCullum's heard the latter's cell door rattle, followed by a low groan.

A shout of warning brought the keepers to the scene. McCullum was found hanging from the door. He had tied one end of a strap to the bars and the other about his neck, bent his knees under him and allowed his full weight to hang on the strap. McCullum showed no signs of life when the keepers reached his side, though he had not been hanging more than a couple of minutes. The body was carried down stairs, and a physician was summoned. The physician worked hard over McCullum, but could not save his life. The doctor said that the strap must have pressed against the man's jugular vein in such a way as to render him unconscious almost instantly and shut off his life.

Barba was sent up from Newark for 18 months on a conviction of atrocious assault and battery. With three months off for good behavior Barba's time will be up on Jan. 15 next unless he shall be punished for the act of yesterday.

McCullum was serving a 60 days' sentence for larceny, but was looked for release next Thursday.

## A Murder at Haverhill.

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 28.—William Doolan, one of the oldest Irish residents of this city, lies dead in his home on Burke street with a knife wound in his heart, and William Lohy, his brother-in-law and lodger for 20 years, is locked up in the police station charged with the terrible crime of murder.

While no one actually witnessed the affair, when last seen together the two men were drinking, and shortly after Doolan appeared at a neighbor's home and cried out that he had killed Doolan. The quarrel is thought to have originated at a wake which both attended. The weapon with which the crime was committed has not been found.

## Several Injured by Bursting Lamp.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A man was suffocated by the explosion of a lamp in the upper room of a tenement in Oak street last night, another was so fearfully burned that he will die, two women and a little boy escaped down the narrow stairs with wounds which will not prove fatal, while another lodger on a lower floor, scarcely recovered from the birth of her child, lies in a critical condition by reason of the burn.

## Cars Telescoped; People Hurt.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 28.—A Chicago and Northwestern passenger train ran into an open switch in the local yards while running at a high rate of speed. The engine collided with a freight train of loaded coal cars, and the engine and several freight cars were telescoped. A. K. Smith of Chicago, expressman, sustained serious internal injuries and may die. Four others were injured.

## Wheel Company Fails.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Overman Wheel company of Chicopee Falls and with agencies in all the principal cities of the country, made an assignment to President H. H. Rowman of the Springfield National bank. Liabilities, \$1,318,000. A meeting of the creditors has been called for Dec. 31. The shops closed last night, throwing several hundred employees out of work.

## Dan Daly Badly Hurt.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Dan Daly, the well known comedian, was rendered unconscious by a fall on the stage of the Park theater while playing in "The Belle of New York" last night. He was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, where later it was reported that no serious effects were anticipated. It was at first feared that his skull was fractured, but that was not the case.

## Veteran Engineer Dead.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 28.—William H. Annable, aged 75, a veteran engineer and locomotive builder in the employ of the Boston and Albany railroad, died at his daughter's home in West Springfield. He leaves two sons, William of this city and Henry of Port Leyden, N. Y., and a daughter, Mrs. W. J. Lyons of West Springfield.

## May Use the Lash on Convicts.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Because they refused their Christmas delicacies the convicts at St. Vincent de Paul were given an incessant howl. There were no services Sunday, and nothing done. Warden Foster had to use the lash if quiet

## CUBAN COLONIAL CABINET.

Names of Ministers Whom Blanco Is Said to Have Selected.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—It is asserted that the following have been accepted by Governor General Blanco as members of the first colonial cabinet under the regime of autonomy:

President of the cabinet, Senor Jose Maria Galvez; minister of finance, Senor Rafael Montoro, Marquis of Montoro; minister of the interior, Senor Antonio Govin; minister of education, Senor Francisco Zayas; minister of commerce, Senor Arturo Amblard; minister of posts and telegraphs, Senor Rafael Fernandez Castro.

It is understood that they will take the oath at the palace on Saturday next after attending the celebration of mass. The undersecretaries will then be nominated, together with the chief subordinates of the permanent staff.

Consul General Fitz Hugh Lee has asked the authorities at Washington for medicines, clothing and other assistance for the reconcentrados on the conditions agreed upon between Madrid and Washington.

## Accused of Lying Weyler.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—The police have arrested on board the steamer Washington Senor Barreto, a former provincial deputy, who is alleged to have escaped from Spanish officers who had been ordered by General Weyler to arrest him on the charge of maladministration, and who afterward, it is further alleged, libeled the former captain general while he (Barreto) was in New York.

## BRITAIN AND SEALING.

The English Government Will Not Enter Into the Desired Agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Lord Salisbury, the premier, has written to United States Ambassador Hay, in response to America's latest proposals in the Bering sea controversy, that Great Britain should enter into an agreement with the United States, Russia and Japan to stop sealing.

Great Britain declines to enter into such an agreement. Lord Salisbury says, in substance, that he has communicated with the Canadian government, which has the foremost interest in the sealing question, and that Canada is unwilling to become a party to such an arrangement as is proposed by the United States. Therefore England, continues Lord Salisbury, whose interest is but slight, would not be justified in acceding to the proposals.

Lord Salisbury's answer emphasizes the policy of England not to interfere in Canada's foreign relations.

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The Cuban chief Rivera has arrived in Spain and will be incarcerated in a fortress.

It is reported that Charles L. Kurtz will be a candidate for the Ohio senatorship against Mr. Hanna.

Mrs. Mary Barnett, who was connected by marriage with the family of President McKinley, died at Milwaukee.

A cinnamon bear escaped from its crate and took complete possession of an express car on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

It is said at Ann Arbor, Mich., that Dr. Angell will probably remain at Constantinople during the whole of President McKinley's administration.

The governor of the Cameroons has called to Berlin denying the story that a German expedition had met with a reverse at the hands of the Abiboules.

It is reported in Chicago that the Coliseum fire Christmas eve was caused by an explosion of gasoline, which set off a small dog. The latter communicated the flames to the booths.

## Engineers Refuse a Compromise.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The ballot taken by the striking engineers, as the outcome of the recent conference between the representatives of the employers and the men, has resulted in a rejection of the proposed compromise by 100 to 1, while the trade union's proposal of 51 hours weekly instead of 48 has been rejected by a majority almost as large.

The ballot therefore is practically tantamount to a vote of no confidence in the leaders of the men. It is understood that the conference will not be resumed. The lockout will now commence, though it is reported that several firms intend to open their shops to men willing to work on the employers' terms.

## Bad Accident in a Mine.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 28.—Six men were seriously injured by an explosion of gas in the Bellevue shaft of the Delaware and Lackawanna company. John Alexander, a laborer, and John O'Brien were so badly hurt that they may die. The explosion, which is thought to have been caused by a naked lamp, occurred in a gangway of a 14 foot vein, where 18 men were working. It demolished sections of the gangway and scattered missiles in all directions. Work in the vein has been abandoned pending repairs and investigation of the accident.

## Luettger's Birthday Spent in Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Yesterday was Luettger's fifty-second birthday, and while his trial was in session before Judge Gary he wore a rose in his buttonhole to celebrate the event. He was in a good humor and frequently laughing as Mrs. Agatha Tosch told of damaging statements he had made to her. She was on the stand nearly all day and was followed by C. Clark and Swan Nelson, clerks, through whom Luettger purchased the potash and the arsenic.

## Negro Gets a Long Term.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 28.—Francis Lingo, colored, has been sentenced to 20 years at hard labor in the New Jersey state prison and to pay a fine of \$3,000. Lingo was given the full penalty of the law for the three crimes of which he was convicted—namely, two forgeries and attempted abduction.

## SINGERLY'S FAILURE

Plan to Settle Affairs of Defunct Philadelphia Banks.

## BY ISSUANCE OF RECORD STOCK.

Mr. Singlerly to Remain Editor of the Paper and Control Its Policy, but Its Business Management to Be Under a Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The conferees selected to formulate a plan of settlement of the affairs of the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund company, of which William M. Singlerly, proprietor of The Record, was president and which closed their doors last Thursday, last night presented their plan for the consideration of depositors and creditors.

The chief measure suggested is the issuance of Record stock to secure the creditors. The plan provides that the capital stock of The Record Publishing company or of a company to which its assets shall be assigned shall be fixed and issued to an amount necessary to give all creditors in class A par for their claims in a stock preferred as to dividends and principal which shall bear 6 per cent interest cumulative, and all creditors in class B par for their claims in a second preferred 6 per cent cumulative stock, also preferred, after the first preferred stock as to dividends and principal, and all creditors in class C par in the common stock of said company. No incumbrance against The Record Publishing company's property is to be created without the assent of the holders of two-thirds of the preferred stock of the two classes. Class A shall consist of assenting creditors, to the extent to which they may hold liens against The Record Publishing company or preferred or city claims against the bank or trust company or persons or corporations willing to advance new moneys to be applied, at the best discretion of the managers, in the furthering and bringing about this reorganization.

Class B shall consist of holders of claims against The Record or of claims secured by its stock. In case of any doubt as to the amount or actual existence of a claim as being a valid one against The Record the managers may finally settle the amount and status of such claim without liability to themselves, or, if their decision be adverse to the status of the claim as one against the publishing company, the holders thereof may insist upon a judicial decision of its status.

Class C shall consist of all creditors other than those above specified of any of the parties, a reorganization of whose affairs is now contemplated or may become necessary to the success of this plan.

The managers of the plan are to make distribution of the stock within 30 days after sufficient assets have been received to make the plan operative. In exchange for the stock the claims are to be turned over to the managers and the stock is to be subject to redemption by Mr. Singlerly within six years, upon payment of its par value, with 6 per cent interest, less dividends meanwhile declared.

Any assets obtained by the managers from those having claims against the bank in the distribution of the assets of the bank shall be applied pro rata to the purchase at par of The Record stock held by the now owners of assented claims against the bank or their assignees, or, if the managers think it advisable, to the liquidation of the bank itself, at their option. The same method is to be used with regard to the trust company.

Mr. Singlerly is to deed to the managers all of his other property and estate to further liquidation, they to have the fullest possible discretion and without personal liability, although they will act under advice of counsel.

Six per cent dividends per annum are to be paid, so far as possible, on the common stock, and no net earnings of The Record shall be devoted to the redemption of the stock until these dividends have been paid. When redemption is made, it shall be pro rata among the holders of each particular series.

Mr. Singlerly shall remain the editor of The Record and shall control its policy, but its business management shall be controlled by a board, of which the managers may be members, to be elected by a voting trust, which shall consist of the managers and of Mr. Sydney F. Tyler, president of the Fourth Street National bank. The plan is submitted for the approval of the creditors.

A local news bureau sent out the following statement yesterday afternoon: "From a reliable source we learn that Mr. Singlerly's liabilities aggregate \$2,600,000."

## To Work Connecticut Iron Ore.

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 28.—A syndicate headed by J. Pierpont Morgan and Thomas A. Edison has purchased the largest water privilege in the state at Falls Village and will erect there several of the new Edison ore separators.

There is plenty of iron ore in and around Falls Village, but it has not been profitable to work by the ordinary process. It is said that from 1,200 to 2,000 operatives will be employed, which would mean a big boom to the town.

## Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New York—Lucius Valley, S. S. Wood; Port Dickinson, Fred Greenwood, Pennsylvania—Perryville, John English; Resort, N. O. Weaver; Vance Mills, R. J. Humphries.

## When Cambon Will Arrive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The new French ambassador, M. Jules Cambon, will arrive here soon after the holidays. His arrival is expected to give another impetus to reciprocity negotiations.

## ELI SHAW INDICTED.

Grand Jury Holds Him Responsible For Two Deaths.

## TWO UNKNOWN WITNESSES APPEAR.

Their Identity Closely Guarded, but It Is Said Their Testimony Strengthens State's Theory—Shaw's Fiance Is Still Faithful.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 28.—Eli Shaw will have to stand trial for the murder of his mother, Mrs. Sarah M. Shaw, and his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Zane. After a week of investigation, questioning of witnesses, discussion and deliberation the grand jury has found indictments against the young man for both murders.

The prolonged investigation of the grand jury, together with rumors circulated around the courthouse, led to the belief on the part of Shaw's friends and sympathizers that he would go scot free. When news of the action of the grand jury reached him through a jail runner, he silently wept.

It was with the greatest reluctance and only after the presentation of new and stronger evidence than is known to the public that the indictments were found. The grand jury's adjournment over Christmas without concluding the Shaw case was due to dissatisfaction with the meager case made out against the youthful prisoner by Prosecutor Jenkins.

The jurors were not disposed to take a vote on the indictments until all the evidence in the prosecutor's possession was put before them and witnesses had been examined who told of Eli Shaw's suspicious actions on the morning of Oct. 12, when he summoned neighbors to his home, at 242 Line street, where they found Mrs. Zane and Mrs. Shaw in their death agonies, both shot in the back of the head.

Shaw's contradictory statements were related. The police officials told of finding a revolver hidden in the chimney below Eli Shaw's bedroom, and his nightgown, with tiny specks of blood on it, was produced. As against Shaw's story that a burglar committed the murders was the testimony of the doctors, who agreed that the grandmother, Mrs. Zane, must have been shot some time before Mrs. Shaw was murdered.

Prosecutor Jenkins yesterday produced two hitherto unknown witnesses, whose testimony supports the doctors' theory as to the shooting. These witnesses, who are closely guarded, have been taken to the Shaw house, but their identity is closely guarded secret. It is said that their testimony was in reference to the time at which the shots were fired, both alleging that they heard the reports, not close together, or within a few minutes of each other, but a long time apart. This testimony strengthens the state's theory that Eli Shaw first shot his grandmother, and then, after fixing things in the house so as to make it appear that a burglar had been at work, called his mother down stairs and deliberately shot her.

Prosecutor Jenkins says that the case may not be tried for two months yet. The time for the trial will be fixed by Supreme Court Judge Garrison, who will preside. His duties in the supreme court and court of errors and appeals will keep him busy until the latter part of February. The first two weeks of January could be devoted to the case, but it may go over, as it is thought it will take up at least three weeks.

Shaw was visited by Miss Mabel Neilson, his fiancée, on Christmas day, and she will sit by his side when he goes before a jury to stand trial for his life.

## A Notable Voyage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The American steamer City of Everett, which made the trip from San Francisco to Calcutta with a cargo of food for the starving Hindoos, is now on her way across the Atlantic from Spain with a cargo of ore for Charleston, where she will arrive about New Year's. After discharging her cargo at Calcutta she made a trip to Madras with coal, and returning to Calcutta, she took on a load of jute for Valencia and Bilbao, Spain, by the Suez canal. Discharging the jute in Spain, she got a cargo of iron ore for the United States. This is the first voyage of the kind ever made by an American steamer.

## Charges of Conspiracy Withdrawn.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 28.—When the case against the directors of the defunct Union bank of Newfoundland, charged with conspiracy to defraud, was called before Justice Sir David Chalmers, former chief justice of British Guiana, the crown prosecutor withdrew the indictment because the jury had already acquitted the directors of the Commercial bank, who were arraigned on the same charge.

## The Panama Scandal.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—At the trial of the deputies and others accused of participation in the Panama canal intrigues the public prosecutor announced the abandonment of the charges against MM. Gaillard, Billaud, Laisant, and Boyer and asked that an adequate sentence be imposed upon MM. Arton, Saint Martin, Mareel and Planteau.

## Grand Jury Indicts Charnley.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The grand jury returned an indictment against Charles M. Charnley, ex-treasurer of the Presbyterian board of aid for colleges and academies. The bill accuses Charnley of the embezzlement of \$65,000 of the funds of the board.

## Gideon Not a Candidate.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Official announcement was made last night that George D. Gideon of this city will not be a candidate for the presidency of the League of American Wheelmen. He has issued a statement that he is not and has not been a candidate.

## PROFESSOR BELL TO WED.

Father of the Inventor of the Telephone Will Marry a Toronto Lady.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It may be stated with certainty that Professor Alexander Melville Bell, the distinguished scientist of Edinburgh and father of Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, will wed Mrs. H. G. Shelby of Toronto in this city within the next two weeks. The exact date of the marriage has not yet been fixed, and the ceremony is to be kept a secret, as it is desired that the wedding be entirely private.

Rev. Dr. R. A. Paterson, the oldest living pupil of Professor Bell, will be the officiating clergyman. Dr. Paterson is the founder of the first Ladies' Training School For Missionaries in the United States and was until recently the president of the Ladies' college at Binghamton, N. Y. It was 45 years ago Christmas day that Dr. Paterson last saw Professor Bell, and Graham Bell was then a boy of 6 years.

Professor Bell is 73 years of age, and Mrs. Shelby is 54. He resides in Washington.

## EPPS' MURDERER JAILED.

Japanese Intend Prosecuting the Slayer of the American Sailor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Japan has taken measures to comply with the demand of the United States that the murderer of Frank Epps, an apprentice attached to the cruiser Olympia, be punished for his crime.

A cablegram received at the navy department from Rear Admiral Minami, commander in chief of the Asiatic station, states that the murderer of Epps has been lodged in jail in Nagasaki and will be prosecuted in accordance with Japanese criminal procedure. Minister Buck has been instructed to watch the proceedings to see that there shall be no miscarriage of justice.

The action of the Japanese in prosecuting the murderer will end the incident, unless Epps' mother should submit a claim for indemnity.

## Fatal Vat Explosion.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—An explosion in a storage vat of the Independent Brewery caused the death of Theodore Winkofsky. Louis Imme and Leonard Scholler also will probably die of their injuries. The men were putting a coat of hard enamel on the interior of the vat, which had a capacity of 1,200 barrels. Winkofsky was holding an incandescent light near the side of the vat. He accidentally struck it against the iron. The bulb was shattered and alcoholic vapors thrown off by the enamel exploded. Winkofsky was thrown through a manhole and instantly killed. The other two men were thrown down and could not be rescued until the enamel had all been consumed.

## The Tontine Hotel Mystery.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 28.—There are no developments in the Tontine hotel fire-bug mystery. Detective Sergeant Denehy, who visited Hudson, Mass., Saturday in quest of the supposed incendiary, returned yesterday alone. He at once had a consultation with Superintendent Wynn and Captain Cowles lasting nearly an hour, and at its conclusion not one of the trio would talk, except to say there was nothing new. The guest who registered as R. Locke, Newark, N. J., and is suspected of the attempt at incendiarism, is still at large.

## Vain Attempt at Murder.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 28.—George A. Morast, aged 56 years, shot his wife Annie and then blew out his brains. The woman will recover. The couple were Germans and came here from Colorado a year ago. Mrs. Morast conducted a dressmaking school. They quarreled and separated a week ago, and last night he called to attempt a reconciliation. She ordered him from the house, and the shooting occurred. Morast is said to have belonged to a well to do family of western farmers.

## Cannot Extinguish the Fire.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 28.—The fire in the cotton cargo of the British steamer Lambert's Point, Captain Humphreys, from Norfolk for Liverpool, which arrived here after 48 hours battling with the flames, resists all efforts to extinguish it. Two tugs and several engines of the city fire department are now pumping water into the blazing mass.

## Eight Hundred Massacred.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—Jacob Sargis of Ooramah, Persia, now in this city giving talks on Persia and Armenia, has just received a letter from friends in his Persian home informing him that a band of raiders from Kurdistan had massacred all the inhabitants of a Persian Christian town, 800 souls, near Salmas, Persia.

## Prominent Freemason Dead.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Jacob R. Westervelt, aged 82 years, one of the oldest residents of Spring Valley, fell headlong down the tall length of a flight of stairs Saturday night and received injuries from the effects of which he has since died. He was a prominent Freemason and well known in this part of the state.

## Half Million Dollar Fire.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A fire broke out last evening in the dry goods store of Messrs. Jermyn & Perry, High street, King's Lynn (Lynn Regis), Norfolk. The local fire engine collapsed and the flames spread rapidly, soon destroying a number of the adjoining business houses. The total damage is estimated at \$500,000.

## Electric Companies Combine.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—The Missouri Electric Light and Power company and the Edison Electrical company, two of the largest concerns of their kind in this city, have been consolidated. The new concern will, it is stated, issue \$4,000,000 of gold bearing bonds.

## SHOULD AID CHINA.

Divine Says We Ought to Befriend the Mongolians.

## EMPIRE NOT ACTUALLY DISMEMBERED

Eli T. Sheppard Says That the Reported Seizure of Kin Chau by Russia Will Cause Universal Consternation Among Diplomats.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Rev. Gilbert Reid, who is in this country in the interest of the International institute to be located in Peking, China, and specially sanctioned by the Chinese government, gives his views on the present crisis in China. He says: "While the government at Washington may not care to interfere in behalf of China from fear of the powers of Europe, it should be the policy of all Americans to help China in a friendly spirit, in order to maintain and promote American interests in that land. It is my belief that both our commercial and missionary enterprises would fare better under Chinese rule, made a little more progressive, tolerant and enlightened, than under colonies ruled from the courts of Europe."

"It is, furthermore, possible for us to help on the cause of progress and enlightenment in China at the present time, if earnestly attempted, and no European power would dare frustrate such attempts. We should not think that China is actually dismembered. The mutual rivalries of the European nations and Japan prevent such a result."

"A few more ports may be seized, but the vast territory of China will remain unchanged for at least a few years, and in those few years it would be possible to so establish ideas and methods of progress as to prevent dismemberment. America is the most friendly nation to China and in all attempts at progress stands the best chance to carry them out without hindrance from Russia, France or any other power. China is threatened, not seized. The sense of fear may stir her to renewed efforts to adopt western methods, in which Americans may be the most active participants."

Mr. Reid, after raising more money in addition to the \$15,000 raised in China from all nationalities, will return to China in a few weeks.

## Russia's Position Defined.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Eli T. Sheppard, who has recently returned from China, where he held an official position, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin Chau by Russia, said yesterday:

"The seizure of the port shows that Russia has practically taken possession of Korea, Manchuria and the gulf of Liautung and possesses a significance which will cause consternation among the diplomats of the world. Its situation is such that its possession practically places Russia in a position to defy the world."

## Shot Sweetheart and Suicided.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—In Clayton, a suburb of this city, Marcus Nassau shot his sweetheart, Miss Katy Dosenbach, and then blew out his brains. The girl is thought to be fatally hurt. Her father was for many years collector and sheriff of St. Louis county and is wealthy. Nassau's attentions to the young lady were not approved by her family, and this, it is thought, caused the shooting.

## Opposed to Paxson.

PEORIA, Ills., Dec. 28.—Grand Master Sargent of the Firemen's brotherhood, who has just returned from Washington, denies that he is a candidate for interstate commerce commissioner and fears that such a report may cast a reflection on his motives in opposing Judge Paxson. He says the brotherhoods are pushing no candidates, but are strongly against Paxson.

## Mrs. Van Schack Banked.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Van Schack, who is suing her husband's wealthy father for damages for alienation of her husband's affections, claims she has been banked here out of letters from the elder Van Schack urging his son to leave her, documents which are important as evidence in the trial of the case.

## Orangemen Must Not Parade There.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—Sir Herbert Murray, governor of Newfoundland, has issued a proclamation forbidding an Orange procession projected for next Sunday, because in 1881, the last time an Orange parade took place, a riot ensued, in which seven men were killed.

## Fired at Gunboat by Mistake.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The Turkish government, replying to the representations of Greece, has explained that the firing upon the Greek gunboat Actum by the Turks at Prevesa, as the vessel was leaving the gulf of Ambracia, was due to a misunderstanding.

## Fatal Fall From Rigging.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 28.—Philip Johnson, a sailor aboard the schooner Edward E. Briny, fell from the rigging while the vessel was being towed to her dock here and was killed. He belonged in Nova Scotia.

## Two Missing Since Wednesday















# It Has Seemed Like Old Times

Our Warerooms for the Last  
Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Bric-a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to \$100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at \$17.50 or a \$75 Orange County Express Bicycle at \$40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

We Pause—

To tell you what one of the prettiest girls in Orange County said about our Perfection Glove Cleaner. She said, "It's not only the best I ever used, but it's simply perfection and everybody ought to know about it." We said we'd tell everybody about it right after Christmas—here it is—Perfection Glove Cleaner—large bottles 15 cents, made and sold only by ourselves.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

And speaking of Gloves reminds us of the hands to wear 'em, and that the best thing to keep the hands smooth, white and attractive is our Orange Flower Balm—A few drops on them at night does it, keeps them free from hang nails, 30 years' popularity proves this no fable.

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—Mazie Cold Cure at J. J. Chambers.  
—Skating shoes at J. J. Chambers.  
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—Sledges for sale by L. G. Terwilliger.  
—Strengthening plasters at J. J. Chambers.  
—Killing wood delivered by E. H. Gregory.  
—False hair, etc., at 46 East Main street.  
—Agents wanted.  
—Turkey rattle to-night.  
—Warm clothing at J. D. Horton's.  
—Carpets and rugs at Matthews & Co's.  
—New Year's gifts at W. D. Oney's.  
—Holiday goods cheap at H. C. Churchill's.  
—Seal skin shoes for sale.  
—When ailing, take Manyon's Remedies.  
—Backache cured by Benson's Capline Plasters.  
—Cold cured by Hale's Homebound, Honey and Tar.  
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills.  
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

### LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.  
—John L. Sullivan at the Casino, next Tuesday evening.  
—Those who are fond of borrowing trouble are beginning to fret about the ice crop.  
—A heavy iron grating is being placed over the rear windows of the First National Bank.  
—The Sparrowbush Methodist Church cleared nearly \$200 by a fair, which it held Dec. 21st and 22d.  
—About 1,000 Christmas packages were received for patients at the Bingbamton State Hospital.  
—A trolley car for the Port Jervis electric road passed through this city on a freight train, early this morning.  
—Remember that John L. Sullivan and his vaudeville company will be at the Casino, Tuesday evening of next week.  
—The monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second Presbyterian Church will be held at the lecture room, this evening.  
—Miss Nellie Greene, of Slate Hill, is visiting her sister, Miss Minnie Greene, at the home of her uncle, S. S. Tooker, No. 10 Highland avenue.  
—Special cars to Goshen will leave Franklin Square, to-night, at 6:15 and 6:45, to accommodate those who wish to attend "The Messiah."  
—The Mission Circle connected with Christ Church held its regular meeting with Mrs. Emery, 136 West Main street, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.  
—Dorothy Morton had a good house at the Casino, last night, and "Miss Brevity of Hong Kong" was acted and sung with a life and spirit that pleased the audience.  
—Had there been a high wind, this morning would have been thought one of the coldest of the season. As it was few realized that thermometers stood at 12°.  
—Erie Engineer Thomas J. Ketcham, of Matauoras, has invented a pump-proof tire for bicycles. It consists of a series of steel springs so arranged as to insure the comfort of the rider.  
—H. G. Lee and family spent Christmas with friends in Middletown. Dr. H. H. Hardenbergh and wife visited their son, Dr. Daniel B. Hardenbergh, at Middletown, Christmas. —Port Jervis Gazette.  
—Col. Dusenberry says that in his long business experience he never knew such a demand for hat pins as there was this Christmas. He says: "If we had had half a bushel more we could have sold them all."  
—The prices for seats for John L. Sullivan are as usual. "A Trip on the Ocean," in which the whole company will appear will be a feature. John L. will be seen in a boxing tournament with Prof. White.

### PERSONAL.

—Miss Bessie Marsh, of New York, is visiting at District Attorney Powelson's.  
—James Reed, of New Hamburg, N. Y., son of Street Commissioner Reed, is visiting in town.  
—Samuel Budwig and Samuel Stephens, of Middletown, spent Christmas in town. —Port Jervis Union.  
—Gus Billman, of Middletown, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Billman, in Matauoras. —Port Jervis Union.  
—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dunning and their son, William, of Middletown, spent Christmas in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Salmon. —Port Jervis Union.  
—George W. Allen, a teacher in the Paterson public schools, a brother of Alderman E. C. Allen, returned home, Monday, after spending the holidays here.

### HYMENEAL.

#### Holmes—Loane.

That was a very interesting and happy wedding which occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Loane, 29 Grand avenue, yesterday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. Miss Jessie Louise Loane was united in marriage with Theodore Francis Holmes, of Cobleskill, N. Y., Rev. J. Newton Emery officiating. After the wedding repast Mr. and Mrs. Holmes departed for their future home in Cobleskill.

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### OBITUARY.

#### Charles Bull.

Charles Bull, who was born near Bullville, this county, died Monday, at his home 308 Bergen street, Brooklyn, aged sixty-three years. Death was due to apoplexy, by which he was prostrated Christmas evening. He is survived by a widow and four children.

#### Luther Winchester.

Rev. C. M. Winchester received word, today, that his father, Luther Winchester, died at his home at Providence, R. I., Monday, aged 88.

A more extended obituary notice will be given to-morrow.  
The funeral occurs, Thursday, at Providence.

#### William L. Cole.

William L. Cole, a well known citizen of Port Jervis, died at his home there, Friday night, of Bright's disease. He was a son of Leonard Cole and was born at Coleville, Sussex county. He began life as a farmer and later engaged in the mercantile business at Coleville and Unionville. In 1869 he removed to Port Jervis. He was twice married. His first wife was Phoebe J. Everett, of Unionville, who died in 1872. In 1875 he married Frances S. Slauson, who survives him. Four sons by the first marriage survive, and at Mr. Cole's request they, Monday, bore his body to its last resting place in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

#### "SONG OF THE NIGHT."

Dudley Buck's Watch Night Cantata To Be Sung at Grace Church at Midnight On Friday evening, Dec. 31, at 11:30 o'clock, Dudley Buck's watch night cantata entitled, "The Song of the Night," will be sung at Grace Church by a choir of thirty voices under the direction of Harvey Wickham.

The composition is the second in the series of cantatas composed by Dudley Buck for the various seasons of the Christian year, the recently performed "Coming of the King" being first. The "Song of the Night" was written for the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, and was for a long time annually performed there prior to its publication. It begins with solemn numbers treating of the passage of time and the consciousness of human imperfection, and works up more and more joyously until the final grand tune, "Let Us Therefore Put Off the Works of Darkness," which, coming after the bass solo, "The Morning Cometh," has a telling effect.

The solo parts will be taken by Mrs. Harvey Wickham, David Eilenberger, Harry Fisher and Z. K. Greene. No charge of any kind will be made and no offering will be taken up.

#### TRACTION COMPANY'S TROUBLES

##### Accident to Two Employees—Broken Wire Delays Travel

The Traction Company has been putting in, to-day, a new piece of trolley wire on East Main street from William street to Academy avenue. This morning Otis Simpson and John Walker were working on the wire on top of the repair wagon, near the Second Presbyterian Church, when the wagon fell over with their combined weight, throwing them to the frozen ground. Both received sprains to wrists and shoulders, but luckily escaped broken bones.

The cars later in the day broke the trolley wire again at Benton and Academy avenues, and Supt. Urban and a force of men have been at work repairing it. Passengers were transferred at that point, but the cars ran somewhat irregularly.

It is hoped to have the wire repaired and everything running smoothly before night.

#### THEY WERE ALL FROZEN.

Capt. Totten's Christmas Oysters Damaged During a Roundabout Trip.

Capt. Totten's friends at Virginia Beach sent him a barrel of the big, fat Lynn Haven oysters for a Christmas present and the captain waited patiently for them until today. Then they appeared from Stanton, Pa., where they had been carried by mistake, and every one of them was frozen. The captain's friends, who had been expecting a fine treat, were thus all doomed to disappointment unless the efforts of the old sea dog to thaw them out result successfully.

#### Through-the-Ice-Fishing is Here.

Fishing for pickerel through the ice is now the only theme of the local sportsmen. A half dozen well known anglers are watching the holes in the ponds near Mt. Hope and Searsville.

#### Excelsior's Social To-night.

The second of the series of sociables under the auspices of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company will be held to-night at the Assembly Rooms.

Over \$200 given out in merchandise orders for Christmas time to users of periodical tickets. The two largest single orders were for \$11 each and the smallest was for thirty cents. The entire stock of over twenty Middletown stores to choose from and the same ratio to every one, (fifty cents for every 130 tickets used), is what attracts the sensible people of this city.

#### Is Catarrh Your Life's Cloud?

Eminent nose and throat specialists in daily practice highly recommended Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, as safe, sure, permanent, painless and harmless, in all cases of cold in the head, tonsillitis, hoarseness and catarrh. It gives relief in ten minutes, and banishes disease like magic.

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### CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Has a Most Delightful Entertainment— "Santa Claus and Mother Goose"— Gifts for all.

The Christ Church Sunday School held its Christmas entertainment, last evening, in the Assembly Rooms. The delightful little operetta, "Santa Claus and Mother Goose," was given much to the interest and amusement of the large number of friends present. J. W. Marvin represented "Santa Claus" and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, "Mother Goose." They have a good natured contention as to which the children love the better. They agree to leave it to the children. "Mother Goose" summons her characters, who, one after the other, sing characteristic lays. A chorus of children on the stage guesses each character and sings the old melodies and rhymes.

Roy Robinson and Bertha Wood represented "Jack and Jill"; Myra Gibbs, "Duffy-Down-Dilly"; Amos Wood, "Humpty Dumpty"; Ethel Wager, "Bo Peep"; Avon Mages, "Jolly Miller"; Roy Denel, "Jack Horner"; Myra Wager, "Sky Sweeper"; Edna McCoy, "Polly Flinders"; Stephen Gibbs, "Little Boy Blue"; Gladys Mullen, "Miss Muffet"; Mary Case, "Mother Hubbard"; Ella Case, "Mistress Mary"; Wallace Levever, "Tom Tucker"; Ernest Cox, "King Cole." These were all dressed in costumes, some of which were very comical.

The choruses of children did well their parts in action and song. They were Marie Kennedy, Hazel Wood, Laura Walker, Grace Mages, Annie Craig and Ella Hand.

At the conclusion of Mother Goose's presenting her characters, little Russell Todd, at the request for a decision, toddled on to the platform and said: "All other days of the year we love dear Mother Goose the best, but at Christmas time Santa Claus is our king."

A fine large Christmas tree stood at one side handsomely decorated, from which, and from his pack, Santa Claus distributed to each member of the school a token of love, and everybody went home happy.

### ORANGE ENCAMPMENT 1 O. O. F.

#### Election of Officers—To Be Installed, Monday, Jan. 10.

Orange Encampment, No. 93, I. O. O. F., held its election, last night. The new officers will be installed by the District Deputy from Newburgh, Monday evening, Jan. 10th. A "smoker" will follow the installation. The officers elected are:  
C. P.—Douglas Ross.  
H. P.—E. H. Townsend.  
S. W.—J. E. Wood.  
J. W.—F. R. Parsells.  
Scribe—J. S. Clouston.  
Financial Scribe—Chas. C. Foss.  
Treasurer—Charles Emde.  
Representative—C. C. Foss.  
Proxy Representative—J. J. Wood.  
Trustee (3 years)—Henry Emde.

#### A WAYWARD ROSE.

A sixteen-year-old girl arrested in Port Jervis charged with being disorderly.

The Port Jervis papers note the arrest, Monday afternoon, of Rose Smith, the sixteen-year-old daughter of George Smith, of that village, on a charge of being a disorderly person. This is undoubtedly the same "Rose" who came to this city and lived for a time with a colored buck and wing dancer and as mentioned in the Argus, last week, was persuaded by a dapper Port Jervis colon to return with him to that village.

#### Will Banking on Promises.

Alfred Boyst, who was an independent candidate for sheriff of Passaic county, N. J., at the last election, and who was not elected, is now at his former home in Port Jervis, but wants to go to Klondike. He has circulated a subscription paper and says he has promises of \$2,247.50 toward a fund to send him to the gold fields. His scheme is to give those who contribute to the fund half of the gold he mines. It is not stated how much cash Mr. Boyst has collected. It may be mentioned that Mr. Boyst has hopes of being made postmaster of Port Jervis.

#### Pigeon Shooting Made in Wawaganda.

The day pigeon shoot, Christmas afternoon, held at Charles Bacheller's, on the Lower Road, for turkeys, geese and other prizes, was attended by a good turn out. Although the shooters had quite a breeze to contend with, some good scores were made. Among the winners were Charles Bacheller, C. M. Wood, R. Stewart, E. Larkin and L. Gardner. The club will hold its next match at Slate Hill on New Year's Day.

#### An Erie Breakman Killed.

Frank J. Coombs, a brakeman on the New York Division of the Erie, was caught between cars, Sunday afternoon, while making a coupling in Port Jervis yard and so badly crushed that he died just as he was being taken through the hospital door. Coombs was twenty-six years old and had been employed by the Erie only a few months.

#### Many Cases of Grip.

There are many cases of grip in this city and doctors in consequence are busy. Few cases of the disease are really serious, but all the same the amount of discomfort that they cause is very great.

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### AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

#### INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Entertained Many Friends—"The Messiah"—To-night—Card Party at the St. Elmo—"The Jolly Dozen's" Farewell—Christmas Entertainments.

#### From Our Regular Correspondent

—The Misses Beakes entertained their friends at the court house, last evening. A large number of young people were present.

—The last rehearsal of the Vocal Society was held at 1:30, this afternoon. The main doors of the church will open at 7:20 o'clock, this evening, for the grand production of "The Messiah."

—A card party was given at the St. Elmo, last night. The prizes were awarded to Miss Belle Hoffman, W. H. Goodale, Miss Stewart and Dr. D. T. Condit.

—The "Jolly Dozen" will tender a farewell banquet to Robert J. Hook at the St. Elmo, Thursday night.

—St. James' Church's Christmas tree festival will be held, this afternoon, at 4:45 o'clock.

—The M. E. Church Christmas entertainment will be held in the church parlors, Thursday night.

#### FORESTERS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Order is in a Very Satisfactory Condition.

The Independent Order of Foresters held their annual election Monday night, resulting as follows:

Past Chief Ranger—D. W. Shaw.  
Chief Ranger—C. O. Decker.  
Recording Secretary—L. S. Browning.  
Financial Secretary—Lawrence Robinson.  
Treasurer—D. P. Wager.  
Senior Woodman—W. Hook.  
Junior Woodman—James Muir.  
Chaplain—J. E. Corwin.  
Trustees—J. B. Giles, Robert Lawrence, Court Physician—E. M. Shultz.  
Court Walkers, No. 3322, I. O. F., officers will be installed at the next meeting, Jan. 10, by D. S. C. R. F. W. Elliott at Dusenberry's Hall.

The order is founded on the insurance plan. It pays from \$1,000 to \$5,000 at death, and \$4 a week sick benefit. It is well organized and has a large membership in this city.

#### CHRISTMAS SUPPER.

Children of First Presbyterian Sunday School Enjoyed a Treat

The Christmas supper of the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church was held in the lecture room, last night. There was a large number of children present. The following programme was carried out:

Solo—Mrs. H. L. Adams.  
Recitation—Miss Mabel Goodrich.  
Solo—Mrs. H. L. Adams.  
Recitation—Annie and Willie's Prayer.  
Solo—Mrs. L. L. Johnson.  
Address—Rev. J. E. Corwin.  
Solo—Mrs. C. H. Swartz.  
Recitation—Bertha Freeman.  
Ice cream and cake were served and the children were each given a box of candy and nuts and an orange.

A great many pounds of provisions were received and will be distributed among the poor.

#### PORT JERVIS'S CHARTER UPHELD

Police Justice Has Exclusive Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Village

In the test case, brought in the interest of Justice of the Peace Raymond W. Carr, Judge Beattie has decided that the section of the Port Jervis charter giving the village's police justice exclusive jurisdiction in criminal cases in the village is constitutional. The matter was brought before the county court on an appeal taken by Ernest Wood from a conviction for assault before Justice Carr.

#### Many Will Go to "The Messiah," To-night.

Many from this city will attend "The Messiah," which will be sung by the Goshen Vocal Society in the Presbyterian Church in that village, to-night. Special cars will be provided to insure comfortable transportation for all and cars will be in waiting at the Goshen terminus at the end of the concert.

#### Entertained Their Young Friends.

Blake and Miss Mary Wallace, Monday night, entertained a party of young friends at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wallace, in honor of Rev. W. W. Wallace's brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Henry and Mabel Sanford, of Bridge-water, Conn.

—Don't forget that James Earl, kerosene and gasoline, No. 61 Montgomery St., Ed. Silk, 58 East Main St., groceries and provisions; S. F. Hough, 15 Broad St., milk and cream; E. A. Tree, bakery, 68 North St.; Troy Hand Laundry, 42 West Main St., are the new firms that accept periodical tickets for all cash retail trade.

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Smith's Best Mquette Carpets, all new patterns, at 59c a yard. January price will be \$1.15. The gr at velvet carpet leader at 89c a yard. January price will be \$1.20 a yard. Ten Wire the best Tapestry Brussels, at 75c a yard. 1898 price will surely be \$1. Nine Wire Tapestry Brussels at 60c a yard. Regular price will be 90c a yard. All Wool Ingrain Carpet at 50c a yard. New patterns made especially for the spring trade at 59c a yard. January price will be 75 or 85c a yard. During this sale we will sell good Oil Cloth at 15c a square yard. We urge you to look at this new stock of carpets at lower prices than we sold same quality of goods even before the advance in prices. This sale will positively close Dec. 31st, 1897.

Baskets at less than half price. We have a few Indian Baskets left. Here they go—All 25c Baskets at 10c each. All 48 and 50c Baskets at 25c each. A few Cups and Saucers to go at 4c. Lots of bargains on our 25c counter. A few large \$2.48 Framed Pictures at 98c each. One lot 35c Towels at 25c each. Remember our counter of short lengths of Silk. Cloaks, Capes and Furs. Our prices are the lowest.

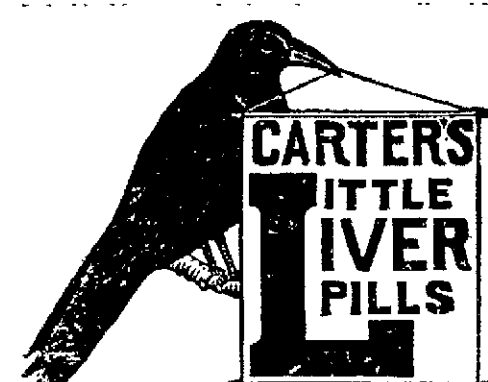
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**THE HERON'S NEST.**

I was in the sedge by the river

And I saw the south to the west.

The heron's blue plumes, a quiver,

They were from the lowland meadow.

With their wings from the forest tree,

When the lamps, she said, "of Heaven  
Shall burn on the land and the sea,  
In the cool of the dewy even  
To my home I will hasten me."  
Then, in search of food, went she from her  
brood.

And—alas! for the children three.

The eye was red, and the stars had burned

Down to their sockets' edge

The dawn was chill, and the nestlings

turned them

In lone unrest in the sedge.

But home no more came the heron ever.

From over the land and the sea.

Through the even song, and the dawn's

never

In all the years came she;

For the bullet had sped, and the heron

died.

Lay—alas! from the children three.

—Emma M. Long, in N. Y. Independent.

## THE PROMOTER.

By G. B. Dunham.

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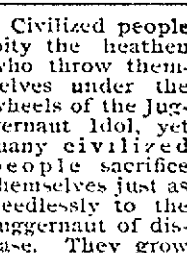
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Head

Apply the

LYN'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure

Apply to the nostrils. It quickly soothes

and relieves all nasal troubles. It is

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